GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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POOR QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether food items, drinking water and other drinks sold to passengers on railway stations are of poor quality and contaminated, and these adversely affect the health of the passengers ;

(b) whether the Ministry of Railways have made some arrangements to check these items; and

(c) if so, details of the samples of food items/drinks tested, number of traders/sellers blacklisted, number of traders/sellers against whom cases have been filed in court during last three years, year-wise, item-wise and organisation-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) and (b): No, Sir. Indian Railways have taken steps to ensure good quality of food supplied by them on trains from base kitchens and at Railway stations.

Some of these include use of quality raw material and branded products, setting standards of hygiene and cleanliness, training of staff, frequent surprise checks and inspections etc.

Moreover, with a view to upgrade and professionalise catering services on trains as well as at Railway stations, Ministry of Railways have set up the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation.

(c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.